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In response to the Office Communication of January 24, 2006, the following provides the required response, corrects errors and clarifies applicant's previous response to the election requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 28, 2005 and responded to on October 26, 2005.

Applicant elects the composition of Example 3 on page 30 of the specification with traverse. Example 3 shows the preparation of a fluorinated polyether isocyanate derived silane made from the reaction of three components, one mole of the monovalent polyfluoropolyether called HFPO-oligomeric ester, one mole of APD and two moles of NCO-silane. These three components are shown on page 26 in the Glossary of the present application.

The above election thus corresponds to the following terms used in claims 1 and 18 for formulae I and II. In formula I: since y is 0, T', k', and Q' are absent; R_f is a monovalent polyfluoropolyether shown specifically as the only monovalent component in claim 10; Q is a chemical bond and T is an isocyanate reactive group: -CONHCH(CH₂OH)CH₂OH. In formula II: since x is 0, R' is absent; T" is -NCO, Q" is a divalent linking group: -(CH₂)₃-, and Y is - $(OC_2H_5)_3$.

The following claims are readable at least in part on the elected species: 1-6, 10-19 and 21-23.

Prosecution on the merits of the present application is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to clarify any outstanding matters and to advance the prosecution of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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